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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

SIR:

The Examiner's Statement of reasons for allowance is inapplicable and inappropriate for at least the following reasons.

Reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which "the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear ... [the Examiner's] reasons for allowing a claim...". In the present case, applicant believes the record as a whole does make the reasons for allowance clear and, therefore, no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted. Furthermore, the applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance.

The Examiner's reasons for allowance imports an interpretation into the claim(s) in relation to the prior art that is imprecise, inaccurate, and places an unwarranted interpretation upon the claim(s). Such a characterization of the claim(s) in view of the prior art does not properly take into account the applicant's claimed invention in light of the specification and the applicant's responses to the USPTO's office actions.

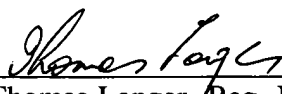
Moreover, the following terms are used by the Examiner in describing the invention:

1. a first current detection device
2. master LED cluster
3. a pound
4. second current detection device
5. at least two slave LED clusters
6. a control loop
7. master semiconductor switch
8. diagnosys unit

None of these terms, except for the control loop, appears in claim 1 or claim 16.

Furthermore, the Examiner's wording contains several inaccuracies. The term "pound" appears to have no connection with the technology of this invention. The total master current is not U_{Mess} but, rather, I_{LED} . The Examiner calls the slave current R_{Mess} but, in fact, it is U_{Mess} . Also, U_{OL} is not the desired slave current but, rather, the described total current.

Respectfully submitted,
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